

- (Iv) Structure and appraise the projects and submit the same for consideration of Project Approval Committee (PAC).
- (v) Assist the SPV in selection of agencies for preparation of bid documents, construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities in the Project.
- (vi) Assist the SPV in achieving financial closure.
- (vii) To liaise with the State Governments to resolve state-related problems.
- (viii) Ensure timely completion of projects) as fixed by the PAC.
- (e) The criteria for selection of site for setting up of such park *Interalia* include potential investment, employment generation and viability of projects.
- (f) The estimated project cost of the 26 projects sanctioned so far is Rs. 2411.20 Crore, out of which Government of India support would be Rs. 862.55 Crore.

Technology upgradation fund scheme for handloom organizations

96. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are implementing the Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for handloom organizations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the present position thereof;
- (c) whether Government have invited project proposal from handloom organizations recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance given so far, State-wise; and
- (e) the criteria set for eligible organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India has introduced "Technology Up-gradation Fund (TUF) Scheme for Handloom sector" on 31 st July, 2006 as a part of the on-going TUF Scheme for the

Textile Sector. The Scheme is applicable to all States. Under the Scheme, 25% capital subsidy, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20.00 lakh per project is permissible for purchase of new machinery and equipments for upgradation of technology for pre-loom, on-loom, post-loom & quality control activities.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As per the guidelines for the Scheme, the project proposals will be directly received by the Weavers' Service Centre concerned from the beneficiary organizations. After due verification and scrutiny of the proposal, the project will be submitted to the Zonal Director of the Weavers' Service Centre concerned, who is the chairman of the Project Appraisal Committee. The Committee with its recommendations will submit the project to the office of the Development Commissioner for Handloom for approval. Enquiries about TUF Scheme have been received. However, so far, office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has not received any proposal duly recommended by Project Appraisal Committee and therefore, the financial assistance released under the Scheme, as on date, is nil.

(e) Under the Scheme, the capital subsidy can be availed by existing handloom units having a minimum 10 handlooms housed in a common Workshed. The Scheme can also be availed by new organisations, which propose to set up a unit with at least 10 handlooms at one place in a common Workshed. The Primary Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies, Apex Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies, State Handloom Corporations, National Level Handloom Organisations, NGOs/SHGs etc. are eligible to avail the assistance under the Scheme.

Effect of post quota regime on rural textile industry

97. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the rural textile Industries are unable to compete with the bigger players in textile sector after phasing out of quota system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government have framed any new policies/schemes to promote rural textile industry;